

**THE AUTOMATED FOREIGN TRADE  
ZONE REPORTING  
PROGRAM**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Automated Foreign Trade Zone Reporting

The Bureau of the Census has developed standardized reporting formats for use by companies providing statistical data on foreign merchandise admitted into a foreign trade zone.

Arrangements have been made with the U.S. Customs Service to allow for the direct reporting to Census of statistical data on goods admitted into Foreign Trade Zones. Companies electing to submit the statistical data directly to Census may provide the data via diskette or direct computer transmission.

Electronic reports must be submitted monthly and should cover shipments imported during a calendar month. The reports must be received by Census no later than the tenth calendar day following the month covered by the report. A back-up copy of the electronic report should be held by the company in the event that data on the original report is damaged during shipping and handling or is lost during transmission.

Before Census grants official authorization to submit statistical data via either of the electronic reporting formats, each company must formally apply to participate in the program and is required to submit at least one month's data on a trial basis for evaluation. This will ensure that data received are fully compatible with the Bureau's needs.

For further information regarding use of these reporting procedures, contact:

Data Collection Coordination Branch  
Foreign Trade Division  
Bureau of the Census  
Room 2179, FOB 3  
Washington, DC 20233-6700

Phone: (301) 457-2259  
FAX: (301) 457-1641

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATIC FOREIGN TRADE ZONE REPORTING

## Getting Started

The staff of the Foreign Trade Division's (FTD), Data Collection Coordination Branch, are eager to assist applicants in attaining automated monthly Customs Form (CF) 214-A reporting status. By contacting FTD, foreign trade zone(s) and subzone(s) can obtain complete instructions on how to make the transition from filing CF 214-A's for foreign merchandise admitted into a zone to monthly automated reporting. For most zone(s) or subzone(s) this can be done while simultaneously integrating the process with their overall computer processing system.

The following information describes the procedure needed by zone(s) and subzone(s) interested in submitting CF 214-A data electronically each month.

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

1. Carefully review the reporting requirements and computer specifications contained in this Foreign Trade Zone Guide.
2. Formally apply to Census for authorization to participate in the Automated Foreign Trade Zone Program. See sample authorization request on page 5.
3. Once the application is approved the zone(s) or subzone(s) will receive a letter from Census assigning a two-character alpha Company Authorization Symbol (C.A.S) and test instructions.
4. Upon successfully completing a test, a formal letter of authorization is issued to submit electronically to Census, eliminating the filing of CF 214-A's.
5. The company becomes a program participant and begins submitting automated foreign trade zone data on a monthly basis.

**SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**  
**(Your Company's Letterhead)**

Chief, Data Collection Coordination Branch  
Foreign Trade Division  
Building 3, Room 2179  
Bureau of the Census  
Washington, DC 20233-6700

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

We formally apply for authorization to submit directly to the Bureau of the Census the statistical data for foreign merchandise admitted into [(specify) zone(s) or subzone(s)] via [(specify) direct computer transmission or diskette)] each month. We would like this procedure to cover all admissions made into (indicate zone(s) or subzone(s), zone number, firm name, city and state).

The zone(s) or subzone(s) was approved by the Foreign Trade Zones Board by Board Order \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. A copy is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact, \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, or by fax on \_\_\_\_\_.

Your earliest consideration of this application will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

For the test, we ask that you provide Census with an automated data report for a selected calendar month. Transmit copies of the CF 214-A's filed with Customs for the same calendar month. If the zone(s) or subzone(s) is initiating operations and have no actual activity, pseudo CF 214-A documents can be used to simulate an actual report. Line items on the copies of the CF 214-A's must be sequentially numbered and correspond to how they appear on the automated data report. This allows manual and electronic validation procedures to match data reported on the CF 214-A's against a computer analysis of data submitted on the automated report.

The test report must be transmitted to Census on or before the 10th calendar day following the end of the report month. Census uses the test material submitted to evaluate accuracy and completeness of data input, as well as the adequacy of the processing controls used in creating the data. After evaluation of the test data, the analyst will identify problems for corrective action and notify the zone(s) or subzone(s) of their findings. We do recommend that you load on your system all of our coding schedules (i.e. HTSUSA, Schedules C, K, etc.), for validation edits and logic programming. ***Until official authorization for monthly automated foreign trade zone reporting has been issued, your company should continue the normal document filing procedure for its zone(s) or subzone(s) shipments.***

- \* If serious reporting or technical problems are found during the initial test, another test will be required.

## DATA REQUIREMENTS

The foreign trade zone statistical items included in the electronic monthly reports are those items normally reported on Customs Form 214As. The reports should cover only shipments made during the calendar report month.

All monthly reports must be received at Census by the 10th calendar day following the end of the report month. To assure prompt receipt of diskette, use of a dependable courier service is recommended. However, Census cannot accept billing or make payment for reports sent by courier service. A backup of the report must be retained by the company in the event that data on the original is damaged when it reaches Census or is lost during transmission.

There are no sort requirements on automated foreign trade zone reports. However, there is a control record requirement for companies submitting data by direct computer transmission or diskettes. The control record must include total record count, total value, Company Authorization Symbol (C.A.S.) and statistical month of the report. Also, an exterior label should be affixed to any diskette with the same information.

Please send your test report to:

### Mail Service

Bureau of the Census  
Foreign Trade Division  
Data Collection Coordination Branch  
Room 2179, FOB 3  
Washington, DC 20233-6700

### Courier Service

Bureau of the Census  
Foreign Trade Division  
4700 Silver Hill Road  
Room 2179, FOB 3  
Suitland, MD 20746-2401

After completion of statistical processing, Census will return diskettes to the participating company, if requested, on a quarterly basis.

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

## DIRECT COMPUTER TRANSMISSION

Requirements for IBM 3780 Computer Transmission Compatibility

IBM 3780 RJE Transmission (Bisynchronous)

PROTOCOL: IBM-3780

MODEM: BELL 201C, Motorola 208A/B Compatible

BAUD: 2400, 4800, 9600 V.32

WATTS LINE: For Transmissions Dial

1-800-772-6728 for Baud 2400

1-800-638-5945 for Baud 4800 and 9600 V.32



## **DIRECT COMPUTER TRANSMISSION--CON.**

### **ASYNCHRONOUS TRANSMISSION**

PROTOCOL: Asynchronous Transmission

MODEM: Hayes Compatible

BAUD: 2400, 4800, 9600

HARDWARE CONFIGURATION: Full Duplex  
No Parity  
8 Data Bits  
1 Stop Bit

TERMINAL EMULATION: VT102

WATTS LINE: For Asynchronous Transmissions  
Dial 1-800-457-7328

### **DATA CONTENT:**

The first 200-character data record is for padding and control purposes only. Requirements for statistical data records are given in the detailed explanation of data records.

### **USER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR DATA TRANSMISSION:**

All transmissions must be completed by the tenth calendar day following the end of the report month.

Dial the WATTS line number (1-800-772-6728 for baud 2400, 1-800-638-5945 for baud 4800 and 9600 V.32 or 1-800-457-7328 for asynchronous transmissions) when you are ready to transmit. In the event of a busy signal or other problems in completing a transmission, call the Data Collection Coordination Branch on (301) 457-2259 if transmitting before 5:00 p.m. (EST). If transmitting after 5:00 p.m. and several unsuccessful attempts have been made to get through, call the Branch in the morning. Our normal working hours are from 7:00 a.m. (EST) to 5:30 p.m. each day.

## CONVENTION PREFERENCE

Control Record

Followed by

Data File

Control Record		
Field	Character(s)	Description
1	1-6	Total Record Count--Enter the total number of 200-character data records contained on the file (data must be right justified; zero fill unused characters).
2	7	Blank
3	8-17	Total Value--Enter the total value of all transactions submitted on the file (data must be right justified, zero fill unused characters).
4	18	Blank
5	19-20	Company Authorization--Use Census assigned Company Authorization Symbol (alphabetic characters).
6	21	Blank
7	22-23	Statistical (Report) Month--Use numeric codes 01-12 for January-December to indicate the statistical month of the report.
8	24-200	Blank
Note: Blanking (space-filling) or zero-filling of fields or characters as specified above is essential.		

## DISKETTE SUBMISSION

### Characteristics of the Diskette

Language	ASCII text
Characters per Record	200
Diskette	3 ?

### Convention Preference

Control Record - Followed by  
Data File -

### Control Record

Field	Character(s)	Description
1	1-6	Total Record Count--Enter the total number of 200-character data records contained on the diskette (data must be right justified; zero fill unused characters).
2	7	Blank
3	8-17	Total Value--Enter the total value of all transactions submitted on the diskette (data must be right justified, zero fill unused characters).
4	18	Blank
5	19-20	Company Authorization--Use Census assigned Company Authorization Symbol (alphabetic characters).
6	21	Blank
7	22-23	Statistical (Report) Month--Use numeric codes 01-12 for January-December to indicate the statistical month of the report.
8	24-200	Blank

Note: Blanking (space filling) or zero filling of fields or characters as specified above is essential.

# EXPLANATION OF DATA RECORDS

## RECORD LAYOUT

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<u>1</u> Special ID Field	<u>61</u> Correction Record
<u>2</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>63</u> Special Program Indicator Field
<u>4</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>65</u> Primary Alpha Unit Of Quantity
<u>6</u> HTSUSA Number	<u>66</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>69</u> Primary Net Quantity
<u>10</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>12</u> Blank	<u>72</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>14</u> Country of Origin	<u>74</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>75</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>76</u>
<u>17</u> Country Sub-Code	<u>77</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>78</u>
<u>19</u> U.S. Port of Entry	<u>79</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>81</u> Customs (or Dutiable) Value
<u>22</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>23</u> U.S. Port of Unlading	<u>83</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>84</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>26</u> Transaction Type	<u>86</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>87</u>
<u>28</u> Statistical Month	<u>88</u> Secondary Alpha Unit of Quantity
<u>29</u> MOT	<u>89</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>31</u> Company Authorization Symbol	<u>91</u>
<u>32</u> Blank	<u>92</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>93</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>94</u> Secondary Net Quantity
<u>35</u>	<u>95</u>
<u>36</u> Carrier Code	<u>96</u>
<u>37</u>	<u>97</u>
<u>38</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>39</u> Foreign Port of Lading	<u>99</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>41</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>42</u> Blank	<u>102</u>
<u>43</u>	<u>103</u>
<u>44</u>	<u>104</u>
<u>45</u>	<u>105</u> Shipping Weight
<u>46</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>47</u>	<u>107</u>
<u>48</u> Date of Exportation	<u>108</u>
<u>49</u>	<u>109</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>110</u>
<u>51</u>	<u>111</u>
<u>52</u>	<u>112</u> Blank
<u>53</u>	<u>113</u>
<u>54</u>	<u>114</u>
<u>55</u> Date of Importation	<u>115</u>
<u>56</u>	<u>116</u>
<u>57</u>	<u>117</u>
<u>58</u>	<u>118</u> Charges
<u>59</u>	<u>119</u>
<u>60</u> Correction Record	<u>120</u>

# EXPLANATION OF DATA RECORDS

Record Layout		2 / 2
<u>121</u> <u>122</u> Charges <u>123</u> <u>124</u> Blank <u>125</u> <u>126</u> <u>127</u> <u>128</u> U.S. Value <u>129</u> <u>130</u> <u>131</u> <u>132</u> <u>133</u> <u>134</u> <u>135</u> <u>136</u> Foreign Trade Zone Number <u>137</u> <u>138</u> <u>139</u> <u>140</u> Blank <u>141</u> <u>142</u> <u>143</u> <u>144</u> <u>145</u> <u>146</u> <u>147</u> <u>148</u> Zone Admission Number <u>149</u> <u>150</u> <u>151</u> <u>152</u> <u>153</u> <u>154</u> <u>155</u> <u>156</u> <u>157</u> Vessel Name <u>158</u> <u>159</u> <u>160</u>	<u>161</u> <u>162</u> <u>163</u> <u>164</u> <u>165</u> <u>166</u> Vessel Name <u>167</u> <u>168</u> <u>169</u> <u>170</u> <u>171</u> <u>172</u> <u>173</u> <u>174</u> Blank <u>175</u> <u>176</u> Serial Number <u>177</u> <u>178</u> <u>179</u> <u>180</u> Trade Identification <u>181</u> <u>182</u> <u>183</u> <u>184</u> Admission Date <u>185</u> <u>186</u> <u>187</u> <u>188</u> <u>189</u> <u>190</u> <u>191</u> <u>192</u> <u>193</u> <u>194</u> Blank <u>195</u> <u>196</u> <u>197</u> <u>198</u> <u>199</u> <u>200</u>	

# FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
1	1	Special Identification Field--See Exhibit A for instructions on use of this field.
2	2-11	HTSUSA Number--Use 10-digit commodity number from current edition of the <u>Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated</u> (HTSUSA).
3	12	Blank
4	13-16	Country of Origin--Use 4-digit numeric codes provided in Schedule C, <u>Classification of Country and Territory Designations for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics</u> . You may also use 2-digit (alpha characters) International Standard Organization (ISO) Codes. The country of origin is the country in which the product was mined, grown, or manufactured. When the merchandise is invoiced in or exported from a country other than that in which it originated, the actual country of origin shall be specified rather than the country of invoice or exportation. This field should show the country of origin except for items, imported under HTS numbers 9801.00.1026, 9801.00.1031, 9801.00.1045, 9801.00.1055, 9801.00.1071, 9801.00.1081, 9801.00.1090, or 9801.00.1097. For these items the country shown should be the country of shipment, since the HTS number implies the country of origin to be U.S. For all other commodity numbers, show the country of shipment only if the country of origin is not known (e.g., in the case of diamonds). Data should be left justified, leave unused characters blank. See Field 5 if country of shipment is shown.
5	17	Country Sub-code (C/S)--If Field 4 shows the country of shipment because the country of origin is unknown, insert Code 1 in this field. If the country shown in field 4 is the country of origin or if the item is classified under HTSUSA numbers 9801.1026, 9801.00.1032, 9801.00.1045, 9801.00.1055, 9801.00.1071, 9801.00.1081, 9801.00.1090, or 9801.00.97, leave this field blank.

Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
6	18-21	U.S. Port of Entry--Use 4-digit numeric codes provided in Schedule D, <u>Classification of Customs Districts and Ports</u> where the merchandise was entered. Use code 6000 for vessels imported under their own power or afloat.
7	22-25	U.S. Port of Unlading--Use 4-digit numeric codes provided in Schedule D, <u>Classification of Customs Districts and Ports</u> . Use code 6000 for vessels imported under their own power or afloat. For merchandise arriving in the United States by vessel or air, note the U.S. port at which the merchandise was unladen from the importing vessel or aircraft, whether or not such a port is a Customs port of entry. For example, if Customs Form 214 is filed at the port of Los Angeles for merchandise unladen at Long Beach, California, show Long Beach as the port of unlading. The same principle applies when goods are unladen at a smaller port within a consolidated port of entry, e.g. Stockton within the San Francisco consolidated port. When merchandise is transported in-bond from the U.S. port where unladen from the importing vessel or carrier to another U.S. port to be admitted into a foreign trade zone, show as the port of unlading the port or point where the merchandise was unladen from the importing carrier before transportation in-bond. Leave blank for <u>nonvessel/nonair shipments</u> .
8	26	Transaction Type--Code 3 for entries into Foreign Trade Zones.
9	27-28	Statistical Month--Use numeric Codes 01-12 for January through December to indicate statistical month of the report.
10	29	Method of Transportation (MOT)--Use Code 1 for vessel (including ferry), Code 3 for air, Code 4 for mail, Code 5 for truck, tank or trailer, Code 6 for rail, Code 7 for pipeline, Code 8 for all other for all other modes of transportation (e.g., the importation of planes or vessels under their own power).
11	30-31	Company Authorization Symbol--Use the two alphabetic characters assigned by the Census Bureau.
12	32	Blank

Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
13	33-36	Carrier Code--Use 4-digit Census assigned air carrier codes or 2-digit alpha-numeric International Air Transport Association (IATA) codes for air shipments to indicate the airline which carried the merchandise from the last foreign port of lading to the first U.S. port of unloading. Data should be left justified, leave unused characters blank. Zero fill entire field for vessel shipments. Use blanks for non-vessel and non-air shipments.
14	37-41	Foreign Port of Lading--For vessel shipments, use the 5-digit numeric codes provided in Schedule K, <u>Classification of Foreign Ports by Geographic Trade Area and Country</u> . Show the foreign port at which the merchandise was actually laden on the vessel. For shipments originating in either Canada or Mexico and arriving in the U.S. by rail, truck, pipeline, or other nonvessel/nonair mode of transportation, report the name of the province (Canada) or state (Mexico) where the merchandise was first laden for exportation to the U.S. Space fill for all other shipments.
15	42-43	Blank
16	44-51	Date of Exportation--Use eight digits for month, day, and year. For the month, use Codes 01-12 for January through December; for the day, use the actual day of the month 01-31; for the year, use four digits. For merchandise exported by vessel, report the month, day, and year on which the carrier departed the last port of the country of exportation. For merchandise exported by air, report the month, day, and year in which the aircraft departed the last airport of the country of exportation. For overland shipments, including those where the port of lading is located outside the country of exportation (e.g. the goods are exported from Switzerland but laden at Hamburg), report the month, day, and year in which the carrier crossed the border of the country of exportation. For mail shipments, note the date of exportation on Customs Form 3509.



Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
17	52-59	Date of Importation--For merchandise arriving in the United States by vessel, note the month, day, and year on which the importing vessel transporting the merchandise from the foreign country arrived within the limits of the U.S. port at which the merchandise was unladen. For merchandise arriving in the U.S. other than by vessel, note the month, day and year in which the merchandise arrived within the limits of the U.S. For mail shipments, note the date on Customs Form 3509.
18	60-61	Correction Record--(See EXHIBIT C)
19	62-63	Special Program Indicator Field--(See Exhibit B) Data should be left justified, leave unused characters blank.
20	64-66	Primary Alpha Unit of Quantity--Show the primary alpha unit of quantity required in HTSUSA. Data should be left-justified and reported in <u>Capital Letters</u> . Space fill unused characters. "X" should be reported when no primary quantity is required.
21	67-76	Primary Net Quantity--Show net quantity in terms of the unit specified in the HTSUSA. In the case of "double-unit-of-quantity" commodities, the primary quantity is the quantity denoted by a "V" in the HTSUSA. Data should be right justified; zero fill unused characters. If no quantity is required, zero fill entire field.
22	77-86	Customs (or Dutiable) Value--for shipments entered into a Foreign Trade Zone, show the Customs (or Dutiable) value (in whole dollars, omit cents) in this field, excluding all costs and expenses incurred in bringing the merchandise to the Foreign Port of Exportation, unless the shipment reflects a 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, or 9802.00.8055, 9802.00.8065 or 9802.00.9000 transaction. In that case, show the Customs value (in whole dollars, omit cents) in this field and the 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, 9802.00.8055, 9802.00.8065, 9802.00.9000 Value in field 29. Data should be right justified;

Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
		zero fill unused characters.
23	87-89	Secondary Alpha Unit of Quantity--Show the secondary alpha unit of quantity required in the HTSUSA. Data should be left justified and reported in <u>Capital Letters</u> . Space fill unused characters. If no secondary quantity is required, space fill entire field.
24	90-99	Secondary Net Quantity--Applies to "double-unit-of-quantity" commodities and represents the secondary or supplemental quantity. Data should be right justified; zero fill unused characters. If no quantity is required, zero fill entire field.
25	100-109	Shipping Weight--Show gross shipping weight in kilograms for <u>vessel</u> and <u>air</u> shipments. Show separate gross weight information for each HTS item number. If the gross weight is not available for each item approximate shipping weight for each item should be estimated and reported. Data should be right justified; zero fill unused characters.
26	110-113	Blank
27	114-123	Charges (CHGS)--Show aggregate cost of freight, insurance, and all other costs, charges, and expenses incurred in bringing the merchandise from alongside the carrier at the foreign port of exportation in the foreign country and placing it alongside the carrier at the first U.S. port of entry (unlading). For overland shipments originating in Canada or Mexico, foreign inland freight should be reported as charges. If foreign inland freight charges are unknown for Canada or Mexico, zero fill the field. Data should be right justified; zero fill unused characters.
28	124	Blank
29	125-134	U.S. value--Use this field to enter a value for items entered under provisions of HTS numbers 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, 9802.00.8055 9802.00.8065 or 9802.00.9000 (See Exhibit B for procedures). Data should be right justified, zero fill unused characters. Zero fill entire field for items not involving 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015,

Data Records		
Field	Character(s)	Description
		9802.00.8040, 9802.00.8055, 9802.00.8065 or 9802.00.9000 provisions.
30	135-138	Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Number--Show the number of the zone. Data should be left justified, leave unused characters blank.
31	139-140	Blank
32	141-152	Zone Admission Number--Report unique and sequential number assigned for numbering shipments admitted to a zone, whether or not the lot method is used for inventory control in the zone. The number should be assigned by the zone operator or user, according to local practice. Data should be left justified, leave unused characters blank.
33	153-172	Vessel Name --(Vessel Shipments Only) If the Mode of Transportation is "1", a vessel name must be provided. Insert the first 20 characters of the vessel name. Data should be left-justified; leave unused characters blank.
34	173-174	Blank
35	75-179	Serial Number--Respondent serially assigns a number to each import record for Census reference purposes. The serial number should begin with 00001 each month. Data should be right justified; zero fill unused characters.
36	180	Trade Identification-Use Code 1 for imports.
37	181-188	Admission Date - Use eight digits for month, day, and year. For the month, use codes 01-12 for January through December; for the day, use the actual day of the month 01-31; for the year, use four digits. Date authorized representative of zone operator or Customs officer, as applicable, signs for receipt (item 49 on CF-214A).
38	189-200	Blank

**Note: Blanking (space-filling) or zero-filling of fields or characters as specified above is essential.**

## EXHIBIT A

### Special Identification Field

The Special Identification Field is used for transactions requiring special handling in the Census processing operations. Following are types of transactions which should be identified in this field (Field 1, Character 1) by using prescribed codes.

### Foreign Trade Zone Shipments

Data on certain shipments admitted into Foreign Trade Zones may be included on the reports furnished directly to Census in lieu of filing copies of Form 214-A with Customs Service. The following codes should be shown in the Special Identification Field of the data record to identify transactions entering a Foreign Trade Zone:

Code 4--Privileged Foreign Merchandise

Code 5--Nonprivileged Foreign Merchandise

### Nonstatistical Shipments

Shipments identified as nonstatistical transactions are excluded from Census processing. If they are included on the report, they must be identified by a "D" in the Special Identification Field. Following is a list of shipments which are considered non-statistical transactions.

## EXHIBIT A

### Nonstatistical Import Transactions

#### Nonstatistical Transactions not Isolated by Reporting Number

1. American goods returned by or for the account of a branch of the Armed Forces or other governmental agencies. (Imports of foreign merchandise purchased by the United States military abroad must be reported.)
2. Ships' and planes' stores, supplies and equipment of United States origin never landed abroad; bunker fuel oil landed as vessel supplies if of foreign origin and laden at a U.S. port, or if of U.S. origin.
3. Articles in continuous use in shipping merchandise to/from the U.S. such as newsprint cores, bobbins, aluminum totes, gas cylinders, and so on.
4. Merchandise entered for exhibition at Trade Fairs, and not offered for sale.
5. Withdrawals for exportation or for transportation and re-warehousing filed against Bonded Warehouse entries.
6. In-transit shipments entering the United States by a method of transportation other than vessel. (In-transit shipments entering the United States by vessel are included in transportation statistics and must be reported.)
7. Goods entering the zone for building (construction) purposes and to remain permanently in the zone.
8. Items valued under \$1251 and not requiring a formal entry are not required to be included on the report. Submission of a formal entry is required in certain cases for shipments regardless of value and classified in one of the following chapters: 30, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 50-65, 67, 70, 91, 94, 95 and 96.
9. Zone to zone transfers.

## EXHIBIT A

### Nonstatistical Transactions Isolated By HTSUSA Number

Description	8-Digit Tariff Item or HTSUSA Reporting Number(s)
Products of the United States and other articles exported for temporary use abroad and returned not advanced or improved.	9801.00.1010, 9801.00.40, 9801.00.50, 9801.00.60, 9801.00.65
Substantial containers and holders, exported and returned.	9803.00.50
Personal exemptions for United States residents and non-residents arriving from a foreign country.	9804.00.05, 9804.00.10, 9804.00.15, 9804.00.20, 9804.00.25, 9804.00.30, 9804.00.35, 9804.00.40, 9804.00.45, 9804.00.50, 9804.00.55, 9804.00.60, 9804.00.65, 9804.00.70, 9804.00.72, 9804.00.80, 9804.00.75, 9804.00.85
Personal exemptions for personnel of foreign governments and international organizations, and distinguished visitors.	9806.00.05, 9806.00.10, 9806.00.15, 9806.00.20, 9806.00.25, 9806.00.30, 9806.00.35, 9806.00.40, 9806.00.45, 9806.00.50, 9806.00.55
Other personal exemptions.	9805.00.50, 9807.00.40, 9807.00.50
Articles for, or the property of, a foreign government or an international organization.	9809.00.10, 9809.00.20, 9809.00.30, 9809.00.40, 9809.00.50, 9809.00.60, 9809.00.70, 9809.00.80
Sample for soliciting orders for products of foreign countries.	9811.00.20, 9811.00.40, 9811.00.60
Products of the United States and other articles admitted temporarily free of duty under bond to be repaired or altered.	9813.00.0540, 9801.00.1012

Other articles admitted temporarily free of duty under bond.	9813.00.10, 9813.00.15, 9813.00.20, 9813.00.25, 9813.00.30, 9813.00.35, 9813.00.40, 9813.00.45, 9813.00.50, 9813.00.55, 9813.00.60, 9813.00.65, 9813.00.70, 9813.00.75
Products of American Fisheries	9815.00.2000, 9815.00.4000, 9815.00.6000
Noncommercial importations of limited value.	9816.00.20, 9816.00.40

## EXHIBIT B

### Special Program Indicator Field

The Special Program Indicator Field is used for transactions requiring special handling in Census processing operations. The following are types of transactions which should be identified in this field (Field 19, Characters 62 and 63) by using prescribed codes. If not used, leave this field blank.

*Specified Items Returned to the United States After Exportation for Advancement or Improvement Abroad HTSUSA Numbers  
9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, and  
9802.00.8055, 9802.00.8065, or 9802.00.9000*

For items imported under provisions of HTS numbers 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, 9802.00.8055 or 9802.00.8065, 9802.00.9000 show the Chapter 1-97 HTS number applicable to the specific commodity in Field 2 of the data record. Show the quantity alpha unit(s), quantity(s), and **dutiable** value in fields 20, 21, and 22. Record the 9802.00.5010, 9802.00.6000, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.8040, 9802.00.8055, 9802.00.8065, or 9802.00.9000 value in U.S. value in Field (29) of the data record. Insert in the Special Program Indicator Field (19):

Code 4 (for 9802.00.8055 items) Code 5 (for 9802.00.9000 items)  
Code 6 (for 9802.00.6000 items) Code 7 (for 9802.00.8015 items)  
Code 8 (for 9802.00.8065 items) Code 9 (for 9802.00.5010 or  
9802.00.8040 items)

Record the amount of charges incurred to bring the goods from the Port of Exportation in the foreign country to the first U.S. port in the Charges Field (27). Values shown in the Charges field should reflect values for the total product (i.e., the dutiable and free portions combined).



## EXHIBIT B

### Other Types of Special Transactions

When applicable, codes specified below should be inserted in the Special Program Indicator Field for the following types of transactions:

Type of Transaction	Code
If claiming duty-free treatment under the General System of Preferences (GSP).....	A
If claiming duty-free treatment under the Automotive Product Trade Act (APTA).....	B
If claiming duty-free treatment under the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.....	C
If claiming duty-free treatment under the Caribbean Basin Economics Recovery Act (CBERA), also known as the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI).....	E
If claiming Certified "hand-loomed and folklore products".....	F
If claiming Made to measure suits of Hong Kong origin.....	G
Special Regime Commodity.....	H
If claiming a special rate under the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA).....	J
Agreement on Trade in Pharmaceutical Products.....	K

## EXHIBIT B

### Other Types of Special Transactions

When applicable, codes specified below should be inserted in the Special Program Indicator Field for the following types of transactions:

Type of Transaction	Code
Uruguay Round Concessions on Intermediate Chemical and Dyes.....	L
Rate of duty for each article of a set.....	V
Puerto Rican products sent to CBI countries and subsequently imported duty free.....	W
Rate of duty of an entire set.....	X
Products of Insular Possessions.....	Y
If claiming duty free treatment under the Free Association Act.....	Z
If claiming a special rate under the Canada NAFTA.....	CA
If claiming a special rate under the U.S. - Israeli Free Trade Area Agreement.....	IL
If claiming a special rate under the Mexico NAFTA.....	MX

## EXHIBIT C

### Reporting Correction Records

Data items identified as corrections to a prior month's report are subject to special processing by Census. All items with one or more statistical data elements reported incorrectly, **must** be submitted via direct computer transmission or diskette **at the end of the current month's report. A separate report is not to be generated for these records.** When they are included on the current month's report, the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Place corrections at the end of the current month's report.
2. Recreate the previously reported record item ( include original data in their original data field(s).
3. Flag this recreated record by placing the code "C1" in the Correction Record Field (Field 18).
4. Report a second record with **only** the corrected data in the original data field(s).
5. Flag this correction record by placing the code "C2" in the Correction Record Field (18).

**Notes:** Upon completion of this procedure, there should be two 200 - character records for each correction record.

**Include each record ("C1" and "C2") and its value in the total record and value count for the report.**